

Aceraius lamellatus Grav. from Celebes

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Through the kindness of Dr. C. de Jong I saw two examples of *Aceraius lamellatus* Grav. of the Leiden Museum. labelled : "M.O. Borneo Exp., Long Petak, 1170 m., X-1915 ; H. C. Siebers. Det. W. D. Hincks, Leeds". I compared them with 29 examples in my collection, from Central Celebes, To-Djamboe, June and August 1939, collected by natives.

Head and mandibles were entirely identic. For the rest there were also no differences between the Bornean and Celebean examples except that the Bornean specimens have piligerous punctures over the whole median part of the mesosternum and on the sides of the central area of the metasternum, whereas the Celebean specimens have the mesosternum and metasternal plate smooth and without hair.

The Celebean specimens are on the whole larger than the specimens from Borneo. Gravely's specimens, recorded from the Malay Peninsula and Penang, were 23 mm, the Bornean examples 24 mm long. The length of the Celebean specimens ranges between 25 and 28 mm, the average, however, is 27 mm.

The lamellae of the antenna of the Celebean specimens are long and slender, but as the animals are larger, the lamellae do not seem so uncommonly long as Gravely records in his description of the species. (F. H. Gravely : A Contribution towards the Revision of the Passalidae of the World. Mem. Ind. Museum. Vol. VII, No. 1. 1918. pag. 89).

Probably on the score of the Van de Poll collection, Gravely (l.c., pag. 92) records *Aceraius laevicollis* Ill. from South Celebes, Tjamba. Some pages farther (p. 123) he is inclined to doubt this record, "being this genus so definitely Oriental".

Now the appearance of the genus *Aceraius* Kp. in Celebes is certain by the record of *Aceraius lamellatus* Grav. mentioned above.